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The Norwalk Police Barn, located at the corner of North Avenue and Cherry Street, has a few new enhancements.



© Special to the Register Volunteers stepped up in June to spruce up the Norwalk Police Barn. Front row, left to right: Chloe Martin, Reagan Holtorf, Susannah Kritzer, Callan Randall, Marin Randall, Natalie Martin, Torin Lackmann. Back row: Troy Randall, Bowen Born, Tammy Randall, Tyler Wegner, Officer Criswell, Tyler Johnson, Jason Kritzer.

Norwalk sisters and high schoolers Callan and Marin Randall noticed that the Police Barn might benefit from some sprucing up and approached Norwalk Police Chief Greg Staples to see if they could spearhead a community project.



© Special to the Register Callan and Marin Randall of Norwalk led the planning and management of sprucing up the Norwalk Police Barn in June.

They began the discussion prior to the COVID-19 pandemic and found that they had plenty of extra time to get the project completed from March through June.

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Callan and Marin began the project by meeting with Chief Staples to discuss what he would like to see done. Landscaping, bringing in school partnership signage like the painted Norwalk “N’s” and a sign with the police department badge partnering with Autism Awareness were just the beginning.

Callan and Marin also noticed that cement was broken where they wanted to add landscaping and some colorful flowering pots would add to the corners of the building.



© Special to the Register Volunteers prepare to spruce up the Norwalk Police Barn.

They contacted businesses for donations, asked NHS students to volunteer their time to help and worked with the city to get the green light. After months of planning they broke ground June 1 and completed all the updates within a few weeks.

The building now sports new landscaping, repaired concrete, planters, Norwalk “N’s,” and a sign that shows the police badge with the Autism Awareness puzzle piece.



© Special to the Register The Norwalk Police Department badge combined with the Autism Awareness puzzle emblem.

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